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SUBJECT: US CUSTOMS SEIZURE OF PHONOGRAPH RECORDS

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1. CUSTOMS OFFICIAL, WASHINGTON TALKED TO NADAL, CUSTOMS PUERTO RICO, SUBSEQUENT TO RECEIPT OF REFTEL. ACCORDING TO NADAL SEVERAL IMPORTERS HAVE NOT COMPLETED RELEASE FORMALITIES FOR RE-EXPORT OF PROHIBITED RECORDS, AND ENTRY INTO PUERTO RICO OF PERMITTED RECORDS. CUSTOMS PUERTO RICO HAS BEEN UNABLE TO CONTACT IMPORTERS.

2. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE THE PROBLEM NOW APPEARS TO BE BETWEEN WILKIE AND THE IMPORTERS IN PUERTO RICO.

3. FYI. LONDON RECORDS (NEW YORK) GAVE CONSENT FOR RECORDS OF DECCA-BRITISH LABEL TO ENTER PUERTO RICO BUT CUSTOMS INFORMATION SHOWS MUSIC CORPORATION OF AMERICA AS OWNING RIGHTS TO DECCA-U.S. LABEL. IF LONDON RECORDS DOES HOLD U.S. RIGHTS AND THEREFORE LEGALLY ABLE TO AUTHORIZE ENTRY OF THE DECCA-BRITISH LABEL, IT HAS NOT SO INFORMED CUSTOMS. END FYI. INGERSOLL

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